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1. The Getriebebau Wetzell, manufactured 72 heavy gears for caterpillar vehicles in February, 1954, standard types. Eighteen went to Brandenburg-an-der-Havel, and the rest to the Soviet Union.
2. A 1500 hp. gear train for the Schwermaschinenbau Ernst Thälmann in in Magdeburg was finished and shipped to Magdeburg.
3. The manufacture of continuous chain drives has not been resumed because nickel steel is still lacking. All endeavors to obtain this kind of steel have failed so far. The only hope remaining is to procure it clandestinely through Poland. Poland however wants gearing for marine engines. The Getriebebau Wetzell has refused this work so far, because the developments costs were too high. Now it has been decided to accept orders of this kind and thus obtain material to fill Soviet Zone orders, because otherwise the plant will have to pay the conventional penalty for nonfulfillment of delivery promises.
4. There have been no changes in the production of smaller kinds of gears.

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